

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Leonard Heyman, Reg. No. 40,418 on 06/03/2010.

3. Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title had been changed to read:

-- MANAGING A SERVICE HAVING A PLURALITY OF APPLICATIONS USING VIRTUAL MACHINES --.

4. The abstract of the disclosure had been amended as:

~~The aim of this invention is to propose a method for allowing the use of several virtual machines including a plurality of applications and to federate these applications in order to form services.~~ The method includes for managing applications[[.]] making use of by utilizing at least two physical machines linked by communication means. These machines comprise a physical structure on which a first software layer adapted to the physical machines is loaded. The machines also include a second layer forming a virtual layer on which virtual machines will operate. The second layer includes at least one application. The method includes loading a virtual machine control program

associated with the virtual layer, connecting at least two physical machines to form a physical machine network, wherein the physical machine network includes the virtual layer, establishing a dialogue between the virtual machine control program and a system management process, defining a service containing several applications wherein the service is defined by the system management process, communicating between the management process and each of the virtual layer in order to determine the status of the virtual machines associated with the corresponding virtual layer and assigning a virtual machine to the corresponding virtual layer taking into account the characteristics of the application.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer N. To whose telephone number is (571) 272-7212. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 6AM- 3:30 PM, F 6AM- 2:30 PM.
6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
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